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Welcome to the February 2011 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. Weather conditions continue to dominate the news in North America. Major winter storms across the continent caused problems; some in areas where snow is seldom seen. Weather is also playing a major role in Australia with parts of the country being hit with one of most severe storms in history. Major international events have been dominating the news as well with historic developments in Tunisia and Egypt. Oh yes, to lighten the load, the Green Bay Packers are Superbowl champions this year!

Our Monthly Special Zone for February features National Green Week, Black History Month, National Bird Feeding Month and Valentine's Day.

This month's virtual voyage around the world, in the "Where in the World Zone", takes us to North Africa and the country of Tunisia. Officially the Tunisian Republic, it is the northernmost country in Africa. It is a Maghreb country and is bordered by Algeria to the west, Libya to the southeast, and the Mediterranean Sea to the north and east. Its area is almost 165,000 square kilometres (64,000 sq mi), with an estimated population of just over 10.4 million. Its name is derived from the capital Tunis located in the north-east. Tunisia is the smallest of the nations situated along the Atlas mountain range. The south of the country is composed of the Sahara desert, with much of the remainder consisting of particularly fertile soil and 1,300 kilometres (810 mi) of coastline.

So let's get things underway for this month.

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No comments.

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Again we have just 4 contributors which matches last month's total. Let's try to at least double that next month. Thank you for your contributions and thank you for those yet to come!

Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Wayne Hodgins, Cote St. Luc, Quebec

Gay MacDougall-Gruner, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Beta Wayne, Dorval, Quebec

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

NATIONAL GREEN WEEK

http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=127&Itemid=233
<http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=127&Itemid=233>

The objective of National Green Week is to empower students to be leaders of their own sustainability campaign. During National Green Week 2010, Green Education Foundation (GEF) mobilized over two million children to participate in sustainability education programs, and reduce their trash by over 100,000 lbs. National Green Week 2011 kicks off February 7 - 11, but schools can choose any week from Feb.7- April 22 (Earth Day) to participate. National Green Week 2011 is a FREE program. Schools and groups are encouraged to take this opportunity to spend time with their students discussing environmental issues and specifically what they can do to make a difference. Participate for the whole week, a day, or just one lesson or activity.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

<http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/>
<<http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/>>

This year's theme "African Americans and the Civil War" honors the efforts of people of African descent to destroy slavery and inaugurate universal freedom in the United States. The theme, chosen by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History urges all Americans to study and reflect on the value of their contribution to the nation.

LOVE & ROMANCE THROUGH THE AGES ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Valentin/English/index.php3>
<<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Valentin/English/index.php3>>

From the Virtual Museum of Canada comes this special day dedicated to St. Valentine's Day.

NATIONAL BIRD FEEDING MONTH

<http://www.birdfeeding.org/> <<http://www.birdfeeding.org/>>

The National Bird-Feeding Society is proud to host and sponsor "National Bird-Feeding Month." This national event was created to advance and publicize the wild bird feeding and watching hobby. Each February, we introduce and promote a new and unique theme. Our theme for 2011 is "Most Wanted - America's Top Ten Backyard Birds."

THE FEBRUARY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia. The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day. Here is the link for the month of February.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February>
<<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February>>

Also, here are some special days and events in February.

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

National African American History Month

Youth Leadership Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

6 12 National Family, Career And Community Leaders of America Week

7 11 National Green Week

14 21 National Condom Week

20 26 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

20 26 National Engineers Week

SPECIAL DAYS

3 Chinese New Year

12 Lincoln's Birthday

14 National Have a Heart Day

14 St. Valentine's Day

20 United Nations: World Day for Social Justice

21 United Nations: International Mother Language Day

21 George Washington's Birthday

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

National Bird-Feeding Month

National Mend a Broken Heart Month

6 12 Jell-O-Week

7 11 Just Say No to PowerPoint Week

26 International Sword Swallowers Day

Source: Chase's Calendar of Events 2011

2011 National Health Observances, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

2011 Calendar of Events, California Department of Education

2011 United Nations Observance

2011 Bizarre, Crazy, Silly Unknown Holidays and Observances

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/February_2011.htm

<http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/February_2011.htm>

****RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #1****

ATTENTION YAESU OWNERS

BHI LTD. RADIO MATE COMPACT KEYPAD

BHI Limited is a U.K. based company. Products are manufactured in the UK and overseas under the ISO9001 quality standard. The UK manufacturing facility has modern electronic assembly and test equipment along with a fully equipped machine shop, and all bhi's products are shipped worldwide from this location. By utilising all these facilities in one place, it allows bhi to bring their products to market quickly and efficiently to high quality standards.

One of BHI's unique products is the Radio Mate. The new improved bhi Radio Mate compact keypad for the Yaesu FT-817, FT-857, FT-897 now comes with extra features to enable you to enjoy your radio even more. There are now 40 memories, 20 pre-programmed and 20 filled with random frequencies, and a direct frequency nudge function that allows you to fine tune the frequency on your radio directly from the keypad in the following steps:

+/- 10Hz, 100Hz, 1KHz, 10KHz, 100KHz and 1MHz.

The bhi Radio Mate compact keypad for the Yaesu FT-817, FT-857 and FT-897 is a robust, compact remote keypad that enables many of the common functions of these radios to be used more easily. Portable, mobile, and handicap operators will delight in the added ease of using their radios.

For complete details on this product, please visit their webpage at

<http://www.bhi-ltd.com/index.php/products/amateur-radio/amateur-radio-products/radio-mate-compact-keypad.html>
<<http://www.bhi-ltd.com/index.php/products/amateur-radio/amateur-radio-products/radio-mate-compact-keypad.html>>

This and other unique BHI products are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for complete details.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE

THIS MONTH - TUNISIA

C.I.A. WORLD FACTBOOK TUNISIA

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ts.html>
<<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ts.html>>

WIKIPEDIA TUNISIA

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunisia>
<<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunisia>>

THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT PORTAL

http://www.tunisie.gov.tn/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=446&Itemid=395&lang=french
<http://www.tunisie.gov.tn/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=446&Itemid=395&lang=french>

This is the official webpage of the government of Tunisia. The site is in French and Arabic. Only the name on the page appears in English.

TUNISIA TOURISM

<http://www.tunisia-tourism.org/> <<http://www.tunisia-tourism.org/>>

Tunisia has developed a healthy tourism industry. This site presents some of the highlights of the country.

RADIO STATION WORLD TUNISIA

<http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Tunisia/>
<<http://radiostationworld.com/Locations/Tunisia/>>

This is a listing of broadcasting organizations and radio stations in Tunisia.

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS TUNISIA

<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/tunisia.htm>
<<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/tunisia.htm>>

This is a listing of newspapers in Tunisia.

THE RADIO ZONE

THE BRITISH LIBRARY RADIO RECORDINGS

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelpprestype/sound/radio/radio.html>
<<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelpprestype/sound/radio/radio.html>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The British Library Sound Archive provides access to one of the world's most extensive and wide-ranging collections of radio recordings.

In addition to thousands of off-air recordings made by the Archive between 1963 and 2000, much more has been amassed through donations from radio stations, production companies, individual producers, performers, subject specialists and collectors. The Library's Listening and Viewing Service currently provides the only public point of on-request access to the vast collections of the BBC Sound Archive and BBC Radio International (formerly BBC Transcription Services). The scope of the material ranges from the 1920s to the present and embraces every genre, from music, drama and the arts to news, current affairs and experimental community radio. Although British broadcasting, particularly the national stations of the BBC, is most strongly represented, the collection embraces regional, local and independent radio programming, and a growing selection of material from overseas.

THE NATIONAL RADIO HALL OF FAME

<http://www.radiohof.org/> <<http://www.radiohof.org/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The National Radio Hall of Fame & Museum recognizes and showcases contemporary talent from today's diverse programming formats, as well as the pioneers who shaped the medium during its infancy.

REMEMBERING RADIO

<http://amaclenn.apps01.yorku.ca/radio/>
<<http://amaclenn.apps01.yorku.ca/radio/>>

VIA Wayne Hodgins, Cote St. Luc, Quebec

The objective of the remembering radio project is to record and save early memories of radio in the lives of everyday Canadians. The hope is to discover more about the role of radio in the homes and lives of ordinary Canadians from its inception. This phase of the project is centered on listeners' memories from the 1930s.

60 YEARS OF TELEVISION COMMERCIALS

<http://www.museum.tv/exhibitionssection.php?page=547>
<<http://www.museum.tv/exhibitionssection.php?page=547>>

VIA Beta Wayne, Dorval, Quebec

There are 60 years of TV commercial available here from the Museum of Broadcast Communications. While they are TV commercials, many used the audio track for radio. Could this be entertainment for an entire evening?

THE RADIOLA ROOM

<http://www.joystick.ca/radiola.html>
<<http://www.joystick.ca/radiola.html>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The invention of radio and the vacuum tube would transform the world in ways unimaginable to its inventors. This page is dedicated to the radio pioneers and the preservation of antique wireless apparatus.

SOUND OF THE CENTURY

<http://www.tai-peng.com/antique/index.mv?c=&l=1&id=&show>
<<http://www.tai-peng.com/antique/index.mv?c=&l=1&id=&show>> =

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Tai Peng Electronics has attempted to keep a record of all the developments and breakthroughs in the electronic appliance industry. Tai Peng Electronics is proud to announce the opening of "Sound of the Century" Antique Electronics Museum in Macau. The museum's wide range, variety, and quantity of ancient treasures are rarely seen in the entire world. You can experience these antiques not only from appearance but with your own ears experience the sounds and music that these treasures has entertained us with throughout the Century. This website only contains a small portion of our collection in the Museum. Besides images, we have prepared several wax cylinders and early 78rpm records so that you can experience the music from these ancient treasures. The best of all, you can view these antiques as they perform, online at this website.

RADIO RECORDINGS BY STEVE YATES, AA5TB

<http://www.aa5tb.com/recordings.html>
<<http://www.aa5tb.com/recordings.html>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Steve Yates of Fort Worth, Texas has put together this page of various recordings he has made over the years. He has organized them by category. The recordings are of amateur signals, intruders within the amateur bands, broadcast, or natural phenomenon.

TESLA UNIVERSE

<http://www.teslauniverse.com/> <<http://www.teslauniverse.com/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a website dedicated to all things Nikola Tesla related.

*RADIO H.F. BOOK REVIEW ZONE**

EDITOR: T. J. "Skip" Arey

THE ARRL GUIDE TO ANTENNA TUNERS

By Joel R. Hallas W1ZR

ISBN# 978-0-87259-098-4 - ARRL Order # 0984

\$22.95 U.S. / \$25.95 Canadian

The American Radio Relay League

225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111-1494

Well, we all use them, but how much do we really understand about them? Joel W1ZR's book on antenna tuners is must reading for any ham and would also be useful to any shortwave hobbyist who has an interest in optimizing his or her antenna system.

The book begins at first principals, giving an exhaustive explanation of what an antenna tuner is, what it does, and how it helps in specific antenna design situations. It answers many folks long standing questions about the best location for an antenna tuner as well as what feedlines and antenna configurations work best in various situations. Balance and unbalanced configurations are considered and you will learn the practical uses of Baluns and Ununs.

The book has an extensive section covering most currently available commercially produced antenna tuners, but the section I felt obliged to jump to immediately was the chapter on building your own antenna tuners. General purpose designs are covered but some very interesting special purpose matching networks are also presented. I have been considering a classic 43 foot vertical radiator to my humble antenna farm. This design is well suited for ham bands between 10 and 40 meters. The book includes Phil Salas AD5X's matching network that tames this antenna design on 80 and 160 meters. That design, for me at least, justifies the cover price of this book.

All knowledge is power, but knowledge of antenna tuners and how to best deploy them puts the power out where you want it to go! This publication is highly recommended.

This publication is available from <http://www.arrl.org/shop> <<http://www.arrl.org/shop>> , from Radio HF, or your favourite radio publications dealer.

THE GENERAL ZONE

AL JAZEERA ENGLISH

<http://english.aljazeera.net/> <<http://english.aljazeera.net/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Given the recent developments in Tunisia, Egypt and other regions of the Arab world, you may find it interesting to check out the English service of the Al Jazeera news agency. This site has many excellent print and video reports.

AL-BAB

<http://www.al-bab.com> <<http://www.al-bab.com>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Al-Bab aims to introduce non-Arabs to the Arabs and their culture. Western explorers of the 18th and 19th centuries portrayed the Arab world as a strange, exotic and sometimes terrifying place. Al-Bab seeks to portray the Arab world neither as an object of fear nor as a cultural curiosity - fascinating though it may be. Al-Bab consists mainly of links to other sites and pages on the internet but also contains some original material. The links are presented in an organized, structured way which is intended to make information easy to find.

AL-BAB BEST OF THE ARAB BLOGS

<http://www.al-bab.com/arab/blogs.htm>
<<http://www.al-bab.com/arab/blogs.htm>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page comes from the Al-Bab webpage listed above. Among the vast number of blogs from or about the Middle East, here is a selection of those written in English that we have found most interesting.

ARAB MEDIA AND SOCIETY

<http://www.arabmediasociety.com/> <<http://www.arabmediasociety.com/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The impact of the pan-Arab satellite revolution is today felt at every level of Arab society and in every form of media. Which is why Arab Media & Society is the next logical incarnation of its predecessor, TBS Journal, covering not just television, but all forms of media and their interaction with society-at-large, from politics and business to culture and religion, as well as the way in which Arab media change resonates in the broader Muslim world. The style of Arab Media & Society aims to be serious, well-researched and readable. The journal is committed to combining academic peer-reviewed articles with timely well informed on-the-ground accounts of developments. This depth and range of content is what distinguishes Arab Media & Society.

OPEN DEMOCRACY

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/> <<http://www.opendemocracy.net/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Open Democracy states "openDemocracy publishes high quality news analysis, debates and blogs about the world and the way we govern ourselves. We are not about any one set of issues, but about principles and the arguments and debates about those principles. openDemocracy believes there is an urgent need for a global culture of views and argument that is:

Serious, thoughtful and attractively written

Accessible to all

Open to ideas and submissions from anywhere, part of a global human conversation that is not distorted by parochial national interests.

Original and creative, able to propose and debate solutions to the real problems that we all face.

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

<http://www.nationalacademies.org/> <<http://www.nationalacademies.org/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Four organizations comprise the Academies: the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council. Known collectively as the National Academies, our organization produces groundbreaking reports that have helped shape sound policies, inform public opinion, and advance the pursuit of science, engineering, and medicine.

iFOOD

<http://www.ifood.tv/> <<http://www.ifood.tv/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

ifood.tv is a place to make friends, chat about food, learn about cooking traditions and satisfy your culinary curiosity. We've now grown into a site with over 4 million unique visitors a month coming from 227 different countries! On ifood.tv, you can:

- Browse our vast collection of yumilicious recipes. There is over 150,000 of them!
- Watch over 25,000 cooking videos. That's the largest collection on the internet!
- Get helpful tips and information from over 10,000 blogs and how-to guides.
- Find other users with similar culinary tastes through our Tastemates feature.
- Browse thousands of food photos and galleries.

WORLD WATERFALL DATABASE

<http://www.world-waterfalls.com/> <<http://www.world-waterfalls.com/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Waterfalls are some of the most popular natural attractions for tourists from all corners of the planet. This is a database providing details on all the waterfalls of the world.

SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME

<http://songwritersshalloffame.org/> <<http://songwritersshalloffame.org/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Established in 1969, the Songwriters Hall of Fame honors those whose work represents a spectrum of the most beloved songs from the world's popular music songbook. Songwriter Johnny Mercer and publishers Abe Olman and Howie Richmond who founded the organization wanted to shine the spotlight on the accomplishments of songwriters who have provided us with the words and music that form the soundtrack of our lives. Each year the Hall of Fame inducts a slate of songwriters voted on by the membership at an Awards Gala that has been recognized by the music industry and the media as the most important of the year. In this digital age, the Hall of Fame has put together an award-winning online museum to honor songwriters who have been inducted. This has become a leading destination for music industry professionals and researchers, along with popular music fans.

SNOW CRYSTALS

<http://www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/>
<<http://www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/>>

VIA Gay MacDougall-Gruner, Beaconsfield, Quebec

This site is all about snow crystals and snowflakes -- what they are, where they come from, and just how these remarkably complex and beautiful structures are created, quite literally, out of thin air.

****RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE #3****

What is new in books & publications from the American Radio Relay League, the Radio Society of Great Britain, and other publishers?

ARRL Periodicals CD-ROM 2010 for Windows and Macintosh!

ARRL's popular journals are available on a compact, fully-searchable CD-ROM. Every word and photo published during 2010 is included!

QST The official membership journal of ARRL

NCJ National Contest Journal

QEX Forum for Communications Experimenters

In addition, the 2010 version includes source code for software projects and PC board patterns, Section News, Contest Soapbox and Results.

SEARCH the full text of every article by entering titles, call signs, names--any word.

SEE every word, photo (most in color), drawing and table in technical and general-interest features, columns and product reviews, plus all advertisements.

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RSGB Prefix Guide 9th Edition

The complete guide to prefix identification and information.

Ever wondered what that "unusual" call sign was? The fully updated "RSGB Prefix Guide" answers the question.

This comprehensive list of prefixes is revised and improved. Not just a listing of prefixes and their entities, the guide provides a host of useful additional material. References include a prefix's continent, CQ Zone, ITU Zone, Latitude and Longitude and many other details.

This edition includes all the elements that have made the book so popular over the years such as DXCC deleted entities, Russian & CIS entities, the popular DXCC checklist, and details of various award programs: IOTA, CQ WAZ, DXCC, WAS and others. New for this edition is an index of countries and their callsign allocations divided by continent. Designed with a "lay flat" wire binding for ease of use.

Softcover: 80 pages

Publisher: Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). Ninth Edition (2010)

ISBN: 9781-9050-8665-8

Order No. 0180 U.S. \$19.95 / Canadian \$21.95

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<http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm>

<<http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm>> for a complete catalog of all books, publications and CD-Roms available from the ARRL, RSGB and other popular publishers and authors.

THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

THE BAD FADS MUSEUM

<http://www.badfads.com/> <<http://www.badfads.com/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Fads have come to typify periods of time in popular culture over the 20th century. From Flagpole Sitting in the 1920's, Dance Marathons and the Zoot Suits of the 1930's and Goldfish Swallowing of the 1940's, fads really emerged in the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's with the coming of the Hula Hoop, Telephone Booth Stuffing, Bellbottoms, Platforms Shoes, Mood Rings and the Pet Rock. The 1980's and 1990's are represented as well

with the Rubik's Cube, Beanie Babies and the Hacky Sack. Browse through the fun and fascinating fads of the last 100 years. The Bad Fads Museum will take you on a tour of popular culture with more than 100 fads in ten categories.

THE STRAIGHT DOPE

<http://www.straightdope.com/> <<http://www.straightdope.com/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

"Fighting Ignorance Since 1972" is the slogan for this page which provides answers to some of the world's most interesting and puzzling questions.

ANSWER BAG

<http://www.answerbag.com/> <<http://www.answerbag.com/>>

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

We're about answering your questions! All of them whether you're looking for facts, opinions or simply entertainment. These are some of the many questions our professional researchers and community members work at answering every day. At Answerbag, we believe every question deserves a great answer so ask away, share your knowledge and explore our curious universe!

THE 2011 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, February 26, 2011 Burlington Spring Fleamarket

Burlington Amateur Radio Club

Location: Royal Canadian Legion - 828 Legion Rd., Burlington, ON

Opening times: Vendors: 7 am; Public: 9 am to 12:00 noon

Admission: \$6.00; Tables: \$10.00

Talk-in frequency: VE3RSB - 147.210+; Tone 131.8 (required)

Event Co-ordinator: Bob Parker, VE3OIP; and, Jeff Rishea, VA3CQC

Email: va3cqc@... <<mailto:va3cqc@...>>

Webpage: <http://www.barc.ca> <<http://www.barc.ca>>

Sunday, February 27, 2011 - Burnaby Amateur Radio Club Swap Meet; Icom, Com-West Radio, and Burnaby Radio

Location: Queensborough Community Centre. 920 Ewan Avenue, New Westminster, BC

Opening times: General Admission -- 10:00am until 2:00pm, Vendor setup starts at 9am

Cost: General Admission \$6.00 (children 12 and under are free),

Tables \$28.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door.

Talk-in frequency: VE7RBY 145.350 (-600) Tone 127.3Hz

Email: club@...g <mailto:club@...>

Webpage: <http://www.ve7bar.org/content/swap-meet>

<<http://www.ve7bar.org/content/swap-meet>>

March 4 & 5, 2011 - 24TH ANNUAL WINTER SWL FESTIVAL

<http://www.swlfest.com/> <<http://www.swlfest.com/>>

The Winter SWL Fest is a conference of radio hobbyists of all stripes, from DC to daylight. Every year scores of hobbyists descend on the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania suburb for a weekend of camaraderie. The Fest is sponsored by NASWA, the North American Shortwave Association, but it covers much more than just shortwave; mediumwave (AM), scanning, satellite TV, and pirate broadcasting are among the other topics that the Fest covers. Whether you've been to every all 24 Fests or this year's will be your first, you're sure to find a welcome from your fellow hobbyists.

Saturday, March 26, 2011 - HAM-EX 2011

Peel Amateur Radio Club and Mississauga Amateur Radio Club

Brampton Fall Fairgrounds, 12942 Heart Lake Road, Brampton, Ontario

- -79.8298N, 43.771218W

Opening times: Vendors 7 am

Exhibits and Demonstrations starting at 8 am

Public Flea Market 9 am to 1 pm

Cost: Public Admission - \$7.00

Talk-in frequency: VE3PRC 146.880- (no tone) VE3MIS 145.430- (103.5 Hz tone required)

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

SPECIAL OFFER: To all Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers, a FREE sample of our monthly CIDX electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, (in .PDF format) is available to you for the asking. Just send along an e-mail to cidxclub@... <<mailto:cidxclub@...>> , with a valid return e-mail address and you'll receive your copy by return e-mail. Our February edition is now available. Membership, at the low cost of \$10 per year, is open to radio hobbyists worldwide.

Please visit the CIDX web page at <http://www.cidx.ca>
<<http://www.cidx.ca/>>

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated frequently by webmasters Daniel Sampson and by database administrator Ernest Riley. The schedules are constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, Dbase and Excel. You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

<http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/> <<http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/>>

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, celebrating its 23rd year on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal this month, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice Laws and Sheldon Harvey, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting.

Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming details.

<http://www.ckut.ca> <<http://www.ckut.ca/>>

The International Radio Report is also rebroadcast on shortwave each week on WBCQ-The Planet, Sundays at 10:30 PM Eastern (0230 Monday UTC) on 5110 kHz. You may also listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@... <<mailto:radioreport@...>>

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

RCI's schedules for the Winter 10/11 broadcast season (7 November 2010 to 13 March 2011) have been posted on the "Schedules and Frequencies" page of the RCI website at the following address:

<http://www.rcinet.ca/english/schedule/>
<<http://www.rcinet.ca/english/schedule/>>

You will find not only our shortwave broadcast schedules, but also the schedules for our three, 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), and for the RCI Plus channel on Sirius Satellite Radio. Stay in touch with Canada via Radio Canada International.

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Best wishes and 73 from

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